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BEGIN TEXT.

THE WAIVER, WHICH SECRETARY SIMON SIGNED ON JULY 7 AND WHICH WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER TODAY, JULY 13, IS EFFECTIVE ON GOODS EXPORTED FROM BRAZIL ON OR AFTER JULY 1. I HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT YOUR EXPECTATIONS WERE THAT THE ACTION WOULD BE EFFECTIVE ON GOODS ENTERED INTO THE U.S. AS OF JULY 1. IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND HOW SUCH CONFUSION AROSE, SINCE THE MATTER IS NOT ADDRESSED IN ANY DETAIL IN THE MAY 11 EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN SECRETARY SIMON AND MINISTER SIMONSEN. SECRETARY SIMON'S LETTER STATES MERELY THAT THE WAIVER WILL BE EFFECTIVE "AS OF JULY 1", WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHETHER IT WOULD BE

EFFECTIVE ON ENTRIES OR EXPORTS AS OF THAT DATE. IT WAS NOT UNTIL THE TERMS OF THE PORTARIAS OF JUNE 24, 1976, WERE MADE KNOWN TO US THAT WE WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHAT THE STRUCTURE OF THE WAIVER OUGHT TO BE. YOUR JUNE 24 ACTION, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, APPLIES TO "EXPORT TRANSACTIONS AS OF JULY 1, 1976". INASMUCH AS THE "ADEQUATE STEPS" TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE ADVERSE EFFECT OF THE BOUNTY OR GRANT, AS REQUIRED BY LAW, TAKE EFFECT ON EXPORT TRANSACTIONS AS OF JULY 1, THE WAIVER MUST BE LIMITED BY THOSE TERMS IN ORDER TO BE LEGALLY SUPPORTABLE. IT IS OUR JUDGMENT THAT WE COULD NOT DEFEND A CHALLENGE TO THE WAIVER IF IT WERE TO REMOVE COUNTERVAILING DUTIES ON IMPORTS STILL RECEIVING THE FULL INCENTIVE BENEFITS. END TEXT. KISSINGER

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